



YOUR PATH TO COLLEGE

Preparation for higher education begins in the 8th grade and continues throughout high school

- 11th 8th & 9th
- Think about career possibilities and explore occupations that meet your interests and skills.
 - Study hard and earn good grades to prepare for college.
 - Become involved in extracurricular activities that interest you.
 - Look for summer jobs or volunteer work to expand your experience and skills.
 - Request information from colleges you are interested in attending. Find out admission requirements, degrees and majors offered, financial aid, scholarships, and student housing information.
 - Plan a campus visit and attend local college fairs.
 - Take the SAT or ACT.

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- Research possible colleges and universities that match your career goals.
 - Prepare for standardized testing by taking ACT practice tests.
 - Visit with your school guidance counselor to discuss your course selection to make sure it meets college entrance requirements.
 - Apply to your top college choices; keep track of the admissions deadlines.
 - Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid to see if you qualify for financial aid, scholarships, and grants after October 1 of your senior year.
 - Complete Arkansas' online YOUNiversal application between January 1 and June 1 to apply for state scholarships and grants.
 - Attend spring or summer orientation programs for incoming college freshmen.

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